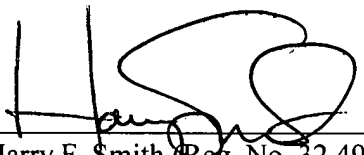


REMARKS

The amendment corrects a typographical error that was just noticed in the above-captioned patent application. A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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